

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Lady Aberdeen is touring Ireland to exhibit at the World's Fair.

An electrical canal is said to be in operation at Cherbourg, France.

An association for preventing the immigration of destitute aliens is vigorously at work in England.

Ireland sends annually 40,000 tons of eggs—some 600,000 in round numbers—to England alone.

Seven new planets, all small, the largest of the minute magnitude, were discovered during January last.

A scientific journal says that India-rubber street pavements have proved successful in several large European cities.

Charles de Lesseps, in the Meuse Prison at Paris, is required to make his own bed, clean up his cell and wash his clothes.

Sun dials are old-fashioned, perhaps, but a gentleman in Paris has just invented one much more accurate than a poor watch.

An Egyptian scythe, dug up on the banks of the Nile in 1890, and said to be as old as Moses, is exhibited in a London museum.

A French merchant, the victim of several defaulting cashiers, recently advertised for "a cashier as honest as possible and paralyzed in both legs."

A census of the Hungarian Gypsies, taken on the last day of January this year, shows the total number of that curious people in Hungary to be 185,000.

An offer has been made to attend to the sanitation of a Scotch town with 10,000 inhabitants for £15 a year. Hongkong Sanitary Board, kindly note.

A German statistician finds that the most "unlucky" day of the week, so far as accidents to human beings are concerned, is not Friday, but Monday.

Guarantors of the Barling Brothers are discussing the extension of the liquidation—priced a year and reducing the guaranty from \$85,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

The Russian Government, it is reported, will shortly impose a special duty upon foreign goods conveyed from one Russian port to another in foreign vessels.

In England, American novelties and small machinery are quite popular, but the market is flooded with "cheap and nasty" German imitations of American goods.

M. Chappuis proposed electric railway through the Simplon Pass is estimated to cost \$8,000,000, and would greatly reduce the distance between Italy and Northern Europe.

The Chateau d'Ardenne, a palace that was begun eighteen years ago for the King of the Belgians, is approaching completion and will be occupied by him next summer.

Queen Victoria, Princess Christian and Princess Beatrice will each contribute at least one original piece of literary work to the Women's Exhibition at the World's Fair.

A bill has been introduced into the New South Wales Legislature to restrict the admission of Syrian peddlers, on the ground that these destitute aliens are becoming a public evil.

The electrical bicycle is cropping up in England. The weight of the batteries when filled with liquid is 10 to 44 pounds, and the whole weight of the machine is to be 155 pounds.

It has been decided to call out the entire militia force of the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands for training this season. The number of men under arms is expected to reach 115,000.

The Empress of Austria, who is making a tour of Spain, is extracting a good deal of amusement by following in the practice of the good Habsburgs, and hobnobbing with very humble folk.

In boarding up the *Volta*, an old wooden cruiser of the French Navy, a leaden shell was found in her timber. It is believed the shell was fired into her at the fight at Pagoda Anchorage, nine years ago.

An Austrian woman recently died from blood-poisoning caused by nibbling a small rose on her black kid glove. Inflammation set in, her head swelled enormously and she died after a very brief illness.

A niece of Mozart, Frau Josepha Lang, died at Vienna last week, aged at the age of seventy-three, almost in poverty. During her latter years she was practically supported by admirers of the great composer.

Mr. Mundella, President of the Board of Trade, has decided to send Messrs. David Salomon and William Barnett to the United States to examine and report on the question of stopping the immigration of pauper aliens.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the *London Standard*, the problem of smokeless coal is not so simple as it at first seems to be solved by a newly-patented process which is exciting an immense sensation in Germany.

The Swiss Canton of Republique of Obwalden, which contains fewer than 15,000 inhabitants, has a law which prohibits, prohibits snuff-taking or smoking by any Obwaldener who has not reached adult age.

The *Turin Gazette* says that there is reason to believe that King Humbert spent 4,000,000 francs from his private fortune to redeem notes that conspicuous politicians gave the Bank of Rome and the National Bank.

A valuable collection of Wagner manuscripts, which were in great danger of being sold to America, to the detriment of German research, were recently bought in Berlin by the German Wagner Society for \$5,000,000.

More English laborers have gone out to New Zealand for acclimatization, the last experiment having proved successful. For nine years the attempt failed, the laborers being unable to bear the tropical heat on the voyage.

Vine-growers in the Rhine districts and Alsace-Lorraine are seriously alarmed at the effect of the recent severe cold on the plants. The frost has penetrated so far into the earth that the very roots of the vines are attacked.

According to the report of the American Colonization Society, the colony of fourteen families sent to Liberia is doing very well. One of the colonists has his own house completed and has planted over five thousand coffee-trees.

A movement is on foot in England to improve the quality and increase the amount of food supplied to British merchant sailors, and American naval regulations are being taken as a model.

France, Switzerland, Belgium and Germany are to wage a joint war of extermination against wolves. During the past year 365 were killed in a half-dozen departments of France, and their skins were sold for by the French Government.

W. H. Preece, President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers of London, said in a recent speech that, as the result of a late discovery, the cost of electrical lighting will soon be so materially reduced that it will be only half that of gas.

The railroads of France are rapidly adopting electric lighting apparatus, by means of the storage-battery system, using six, eight or ten cells of power. Each car carries sixteen cells of battery and each is independent of the rest of the train in its lighting outfit.

In commenting on a recent novel of New-England life by Miss Mary E. Wilkins, the *London Academy* says: "The dialect has evidently been taken direct from the life; it is singular how nearly it resembles that commonly heard in the West of Kent and Sussex."

The Queen is said to have immense wine cellars in her various palaces. Her old port, sherry, East India, Madeira and Cabinet Rhine

are said to be the finest in England. What about Her Gracious Majesty's "mountain dew"?

It is reported that the British Government has decided to try the experiment of establishing cold-air moist storage stations at Gibraltar and other military posts on the route to India. It is thought this may lead up to an extension of the frozen meat trade between Australia and the British Islands.

The search for the treasures of Atahualpa, the great Inca, said to be hidden in the Llanganuco Mountains, now being prosecuted with great energy, is more than likely to be speedily brought to a successful issue. Some of the more important of the long-lost traces of the route indicated by Valverde, the celebrated Jesuit historian and antiquary, have been discovered.

WESLEY'S THEORY OF EARTH-QUAKES.

"The cause of earthquakes," said John Wesley, "is sin."

How be reasoned it out is not easy for the average sinner to see. The idea of such a tremendous physical convulsion as an earthquake resulting from the violation of moral laws is nonsense in the eyes of most persons. The reverse is more often true.

"The cause of a deal of sin," said Hannah More, "is bile." That we can see through. Bile poisons the brain, and the brain is the organ of the mind. It is certain that all the earthquakes that ever shook this world never did half the damage that is done every day by bile.

General Weyland, stationed here, has been beaten in diplomacy, workmen have been thrown out of jobs, clergymen have preached poor sermons, and husbands and wives have quarrelled for no reason under the sun but a "touch of liver complaint." The crust of society can never be quiet with such a force as biliousness underlies. This is not a run-of-the-mill metaphor; it is a hard, cold fact, and the man who doesn't know it has never tried to do business with another man when the second man's skin looked yellow, or asked a loan from a friend when that friend was labouring under a sharp indigestion.

Writing of a time six years ago a lady says her skin became first yellow and then of a sallow hue. Her breathing was difficult and short, and she felt much pain in the chest and sides. Her appetite failed, of course, for Nature never orders her food when she is in condition to use it. Still a trifle of sustenance must be taken. The lady took it, digested a bit of it, and suffered great distress from the pressure of the rest in the torpid stomach. We scarcely need say that her sleep was broken, and mind and body weary, weak, and out of tone. Now what sort of life is this to lead? What is anybody good for while in such a state as that? What wages would you give a servant who was always so? What would you wager on your own success in business if you had to put yourself against other people's sharpness, while you had to fight with a poison-soaked head and a stomach that refused its breakfast? Not a crooked shilling.

Our correspondent continues: "At last I took to my bed. The doctor said my liver was wrong; that I had the jaundice. As his medicine did no good, he advised me to go to the hospital. I objected to this, and he said, 'Try a change of air, then, and see what that will do for you.' So I went to my old home in Falmouth, Gloucestershire. This did no good, and I consulted another physician, who attended me for some time, but failed to help me. My friends now thought I was in a delirium."

"I didn't see enough to feed a bird, and began to despair. Gradually growing more feeble and miserable, with no expectation of better days, I lingered on until July, 1880, when an acquaintance urged me to try Mother Seigel's Syrup. The confidence my friend seemed to have in this medicine made such an impression on me, that I sent my nurse four miles to get it. After taking the first bottle I felt better. A weight appeared to be lifted from my chest, I began to relish my food, and felt better in general. I will conclude by saying that when I had used two bottles more I returned to Birmingham quite well, and have had no attack of the disease since. I am only sorry I did not know of the Syrup years before. (Signed) SARAH HAWKES, of the Lion Inn, Longmore Street, Birmingham."

Here is certainly a lesson for the day. Probably there is not one person in a thousand who has not suffered from what is called a "bilious attack," and many more are less bilious all the time. The symptoms are these: Furred tongue, head-ache, dizziness, and sleepiness, yellow eyes and skin, spots of discoloration, bad hands and cold feet, bad taste in the mouth, loss of appetite, broken sleep, nervousness, loss of inclination to exertion or work, low spirits, irritable temper, the gulping of a nauseating wind or gas, distress after eating and wandering pains and uneasiness all over the body.

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Whatever may be the true theory of earthquakes we may be sure of one thing anyway—namely, that bile in the blood, arising from an arrest of the digestive function, is the root of more sorrow, pain, and disaster to the powers at the interior of the earth ever scattered over its surface.—*Adm.*

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1893. [418]

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